

41. A device according to claim 37, wherein said body is solderable.

42. A device according to claim 37, wherein said first pair of arms can clinch the wire to prevent solder from flowing up the wire. —

Please **CANCEL** claims 5 and 18-31 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 18-31 were appealed. In view of Applicant's Appeal Brief the prosecution of the subject application was re-opened. Subsequently, on December 21, 2001 an Office Action was sent. That Office Action rejected claims 5 and 18-31 on new grounds. In response, claims 32-42 are added and claims 5 and 18-31 are cancelled without prejudice. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The December 21, 2001 Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Teagno et al., (reference was made to Figures 1-4). Additionally, claims 23-25 and 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitt Jr. in view of Teagno et al. and claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitt Jr. and Teagno et al. in view of Applicant's admitted prior art. Additionally, claims 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitt Jr. and Teagno et al. in view of Applicant's admitted prior art, and in further view of Crimmins et al., while claims 26, 27, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitt Jr. and Teagno et al. and further in view of Crimmins et al.

In response, this amendment cancels claims 5, and 17-31, thus rendering the forgoing rejections moot. Additionally, new claims 32-42 are added. Those new claims 32-42 are directed to subject matter that is not obvious from the relied upon prior art.

Regarding claim 32 (reference the subject application's Figure 5), that claim recites a body having first arms for pressing and securing a wire against the body and second arms for pressing and securing a conductive core against said body. Clearly distinguishing over Schmitt Jr. and Teagno et al., claim 32 also recites a trough-shaped clamping part having lamp clamp sides for pressing and securing an electrode. Additionally, the clamping part integrally extends at an angle from the body. As such is not found or suggested in Schmitt Jr. or in Teagno et al., claim 32 is allowable. Additionally, claims 33-36, which depend from claim 32, are also allowable.

Regarding claim 37, that claim recites a conductive elongated body having two pairs of arms. The first pair of arms is positioned to meet a wire and can bend to clinch that wire. The second pair of arms is positioned to meet a conductive core and can bend to clinch that conductive core. Clearly distinguishing over Schmitt Jr. and Teagno et al., claim 37 further includes both a clamp that is integral with, and angularly extends from, the body, and a clamping structure that is integral with, and angularly extends from, the clamp. Additionally, the clamping structure is dimensioned to snap fit with an electrode. As such is not found or suggested in Schmitt Jr. or in Teagno et al. claim 37 is deemed allowable. Additionally, claims 38-42, which depend from allowably claim 37, are also allowable.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and an early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is

requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 624-1285 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

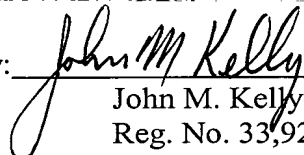
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